Koran teachers.

314. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the monthly salary or allowance given to Koran teachers in the Vernacular Schools of the State :

(*b*) whether the pay they receive is permanent or pensionable ; if not, why ;

(*c*) the grant given to the Koran teachers of the Primary Schools of the State ;

(*d*) whether there is any one else in the staff of the Primary School receiving as low a pay or grant as that of the Koran teachers :

(*e*) whether any of the salary revisions in the Education Department in recent years has resulted in giving any relief to these low-paid Koran teachers

(*f*) whether the Education Reforms Committee made any recommendation to give relief to the Koran teachers in the matter of pay ;

(*g*) whether Koran teaching is done outside school hours in the Primary Schools of the State :

(*h*) whether the clubbing together of different primary classes of different standards for the purpose of teaching Arabic is effective and practical ; and

(*i*) whether there is any proposal to teach Arabic within school hours and without clubbing together different classes of primary schools ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) :

(*a*) An allowance of Rs. (10) ten.

(*b*) No, because they are only part-time teachers.

(*c*) Rs. 6 in Boys' Schools and Rs. 5 in Girls' Schools.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Within school hours in some schools and outside school hours in others.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) Yes.

The Text-Book Committee.

315. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what were the principles followed in selecting persons to be nominated to the newly constituted Text-Book Committee :

(*b*) whether the efficiency of the Text-Book Committee had been prejudicially affected by the nomination of a Muslim member to it in former years ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, why the precedent of nominating Muslims to the Text-Book Committee was not followed while constituting the new Text-Book Committee ?

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